

Cedar Area Fire & Rescue

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Chiefs Report – October 2021

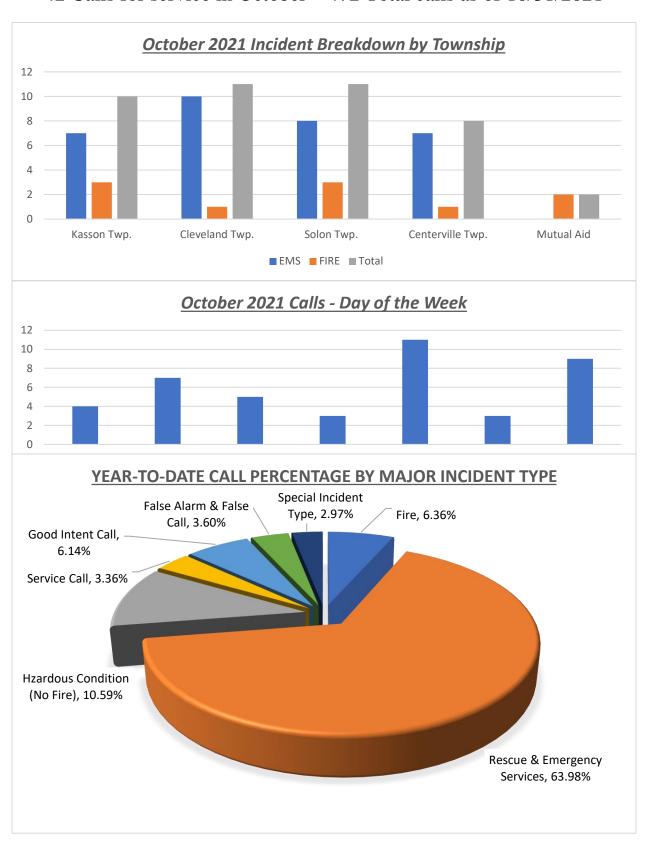






Statistics

42 Calls for service in October – 472 Total calls as of 10/31/2021



Department Operations

Apparatus:

- Engine 811: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- <u>Tanker 822</u>: In-Service: Minor Issues Reported
- <u>Brush 841</u>: In-Service: No Issues Reported The water pump will be taken out of service and winterized when the snow comes permanently.
- <u>Kubota 882</u>: In-Service: No Issues Reported The water pump will be taken out of service and winterized when the snow comes permanently.
- Ambulance 891: In-Service: No Issues Reported
- Ambulance 892: In-service: No Issues Reported

Training:

CAFR staff completed 229 hours of training last month covering various topics.

ALS Updates:

On October 18th Cedar Area Fire & Rescue completed the final inspection needed for us to operate as an ALS agency under the Bennett Bill. With the completion of the inspection and quick processing by the State we began to offer ALS services the afternoon of the 18th. The first ALS transport for Cedar Area Fire & Rescue was completed on October 21st, Paramedic Jeff Friend was the provider.

M.A.B.A.S Division 3701:

CAFR members continue to work on the credentialing and validation process for the division. Firefighter/EMT-B Boomer and Firefighter/EMT-B W. Willoughby completed the National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group's arduous work capacity test and will be receiving their "Red Card" for deployment eligibility soon. The arduous work capacity test is a fitness test that entails walking three miles in 45 minutes with a 45-pound pack.

Public Education:

Distanced outreach continues through our digital platforms like Facebook.

Fire-Wise Program:

Property assessments available upon request.

Summary

Like reported in the ALS updates, the ability for us to provide ALS services dependent on our staffing is truly historic for our department. It has already affected some of our citizens as we were the primary ALS provider for 3 transports at the end of October. That may not seem like many but that only captures the people that were transported under ALS care. That does not reflect the ability for us to assess patients at a higher level and make a quicker determination on the level of care necessary for each patient.

October also brought the final week of the Eastern Michigan University School of Staff and Command. In early 2021 I was chosen to be one of only forty fire service leaders to be part of class 23. I had been attending the class for one week each month since February. This executive leadership and management program has been a large benefit for me as your fire chief and that has bled over into our department. Many of the challenges we face are not unique to us and having the education provided by Staff & Command along with the experiences that my classmates have to offer as a resource will be invaluable in the years to come.

Lastly, we are in the very early stages of our next 5-year plan. Please be on the lookout for information and survey requests from the department that we hope will help us in developing our plan for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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